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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Runkle, et al

Art Unit: 1732

Serial No. 09/851,242
Staicovici

Examiner: S.

Filed: May 8, 2001

For: HOLLOW FIBER MEMBRANE CONTACTOR
AND METHOD FOR MAKING SAME

AMENDMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

, Dear Sir:

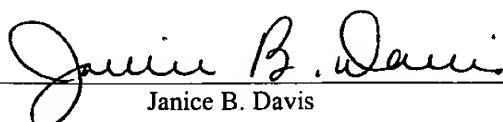
This Amendment is being filed in reply to the Office Action
dated September 5, 2002 (Paper No. 6).

Attached hereto please find the petition and fee for a one-month extension of time (in duplicate), and the Declaration of Charles J. Runkle.

Kindly amend this application, without prejudice, as follows:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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In The Specification

Kindly change the title of the application appearing at page 1 of the specification as indicated on Appendix A, a marked-up copy of the new title, and Appendix B, a clean copy of the amended title.

In The Drawing

Attached hereto, as Appendix C, is a Figure 5 with proposed amendments thereto.

In The Claims

Attached hereto, as Appendix D, is a marked-up copy of the claims. Appendix E is a clean copy of the amended claims.

Remarks

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Applicant confirms the provisional election to prosecute the invention of Group 1, Claims 1-5, with traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application with the non-elected claims during co-pendency of the instant application. Applicant acknowledges the withdrawal of the non-elected claims.